THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. These agencies mill the paddy procured by them under price support operations from the farmers, and deliver the rice to the Central Pool.

(b) The State Government had represented about the losses, but they have not been quantified.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central Government fixes the price of rice taken over from the State Agencies at a level which is expected to cover reasonable costs.

Moisture content Fixation in Punjab

3397. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a general discontentment amongst the farmers of Punjab over the question of fixation of percentage of moisture content of paddy by Government;

(b) whether any scientific study was conducted before fixation of moisture contents, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scientists of the Punjab Agricultural University were associated with this scientific study and any study was conducted in the field conditions of Punjab;

(d) whether Government propose to apopint a Committee to determine the moisture content specifications in the field conditions of Punjab; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government are not aware of any such general discontentment.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Food studies this aspect through its scientific personnel.

(c) The Punjab Agricultural University has not been associated. However, the Department of Food has conducted studies with reference to field conditions in Punjab.

(d) and (e) No, Sir, as the Departmental Scientists are engaged in this task on a continuing basis.

Allotment of Plots in F-II Blocks of Mangolpuri, Delhi

3398. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) how many plots were allotted by DDA some time back in F-II Block of Mangolpuri, JJ colony, Delhi;

(b) whether allotment of some plots were concelled in Mangolpuri F-II Block on the plea that necessary papers were not submitted by the allottees; and

(c) whether the allottees of plots in F-II Block have lodged complaints with the department about these and if so, action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) All the 319 residential plots of 25 sq. yards. each carved out in Block F-II of Mangolpuri, J.J. Colony were allotted in the year 1982.

(b) and (c) Allotment of two plots was cancelled because these were found to have been obtained against slips from a stolen demolition slip book. The complaints made in this behalf have been rejected after a thorough examination.